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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 117 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/61/592 and Add.1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 40th and 43rd meetings, on 13 and 22 March 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.40 and 43).

3. For its further consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi and United Nations representative to the International Advisory and Monitoring Board (A/61/525/Add.6);

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/640/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Mission in Nepal (A/61/525/Add.7);

(d) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/640/Add.2).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.36

4. At its 43rd meeting, on 22 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council" (A/C.5/61/L.36), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Canada.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.36 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 60/247 A and 60/248 of 23 December 2005, 60/255 of 8 May 2006, 60/281 of 30 June 2006 and 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council,[1] as well as the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to approve the following positions for the United Nations Mission in Nepal:

(a) One Monitoring and Outreach Team Leader (P-3) and one Associate Civil Affairs Officer (P-2) for each of the five regional components of the Civil Affairs Office;

(b) One Senior Coordination Officer (P-5) for the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General;

(c) One Gender Affairs Officer (P-3) for the Gender Affairs Section;

(d) One Child Protection Officer (P-3) for the Child Protection Section;

4. *Also decides* to approve the following positions for the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi:

(a) One Best Practices Officer (P-4) for the Office of the Executive Representative of the Secretary-General;

(b) One Political Affairs Officer (P-3) for the Political Affairs Office;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in executing the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Nepal, to ensure the timely recruitment of staff, the effective and efficient use of resources under operational costs for, inter alia, facilities and infrastructure, air transportation and communication, to improve coordination among United Nations entities operating in the mission area, and to report thereon in

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[1] A/61/525/Add.6 and 7.

[2] A/61/640/Add.1 and 2.

the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

6. *Approves* budgets totalling 122,064,900 United States dollars in respect of the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (33,080,400 dollars), the United Nations representative to the International Advisory and Monitoring Board (162,500 dollars) and the United Nations Mission in Nepal (88,822,000 dollars) for the year 2007;

7. *Takes note* of the estimated unencumbered balance for the United Nations representative to the International Advisory and Monitoring Board of 156,800 dollars;

8. *Decides* to appropriate, taking into account the unencumbered balance of 156,800 dollars, under the procedure provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 121,902,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 5,872,200 dollars under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.